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Rear Admiral W. D. Robertson, USN  
Vice Director for Production  
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Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Dick:

As you may know, the Center for the Study of Intelligence in CIA's Office of Training has been given a new lease on life. One new feature is the establishment of "DCI Fellows," to be assigned to the Center for periods up to one year to carry out specific projects approved by the Board of Advisors of the Center. We are trying to make the award of a fellowship a matter of some consequence, comparable to nomination for one of the War Colleges.

George Allen, Director of the Center, and I would like to explore with you the possibility that [ ] might be nominated by DIA as a Fellow. We are aware that her monumental work on warning is badly in need of updating and that a Secret version of it would be extremely valuable to the Community as a whole. I understand that [ ] is now talking retirement. The idea would be for her to spend a year as a Fellow doing these jobs, under the auspices of the Center, as a final assignment prior to retirement. DIA will have to pay her, as do the home offices of the CIA officers serving as Fellows. But the Center would provide facilities, and an atmosphere uncomplicated by current demands.

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We would be breaking new ground in that we have never previously had a non-CIA Fellow. I am not certain of the proper way to proceed. Let me know if you would find this proposal useful and feasible, and if [ ] would be interested. If so, I will informally poll the Board of Advisors, of which I am a member. I would not anticipate any objection, and would probably then ask that Gene Tighe write a note to the DCI making the nomination.

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I hope it proves possible to bring this off. Not only would the warning world profit, but it would be a nice way for [ ] to end a long and dedicated career.

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Sincerely,

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National Intelligence Officer  
for Warning

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